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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FRENCH DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN HO CHI MINH CITY

REF: VIENTIANE 0853

1. A FRENCH DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 9 THAT THE FRENCH, AT VIETNAMESE REQUEST, HAD DECIDED NOT TO PRESS FOR DE JURE STATUS FOR THEIR CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY AND TO REDUCE THE CONSULATE STAFF SIZE FROM THE PRESENT 150 PERSONNEL TO APPROXIMATELY 60.

2. THE VIETNAMESE REPORTEDLY EXPLAINED TO THE FRENCH THAT WHILE THE CURRENT DE FACTO FRENCH PRESENCE IN HO CHI MINH CITY WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, ANY MOVE BY THE FRENCH TO ACHIEVE A DE JURE BASIS FOR THEIR PRESENCE IN THE CITY WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE AS IT WOULD PROBABLY PROMPT GREATER SOVIET PRESSURE TO ESTABLISH A SOVIET
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CONSULATE THERE. THE VIETNAMESE REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF THE FRENCH CONSULATE WOULD SIMILARLY MOLLIFY THE SOVIETS.

3. THE DIPLOMAT EXPRESSED DOUBT REGARDING THE REPORTED SOVIET CLAIMS (REFTEL) THAT THEY WOULD BE ESTABLISHING A CONSULATE IN HO CHI MINH CITY IN LATE

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